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SUBJECT: MEETING OF GROUP OF EIGHT

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1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT PREMATURE TO FORMALLY ENDORSE COMMUNIQUE SINCE, AS POINTED OUT BY DELL IN PARA 2 OF HIS LETTER, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT A COMMUNIQUE OF ANY FORM WILL BE ISSUED AT MINISTERIAL MEETING, OR THAT USG OR OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL ENDORSE PRESENT DRAFT. GIVEN THESE POINTS, INFORMAL INITIAL USG REACTIONS FOLLOW:

2. SECOND VERSION OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE APPEARS TO GO FURTHER TOWARD MEETING U.S. GOALS AND ACHIEVING AIMS OF UNEO AS WE HAD ENVISAGED IT THAN DID EARLIER VERSION. U.S. CONTINUES
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TO HOLD VIEW OF UNEO AS OUTLINED REF C, PARA 3, I.E., HAVING

PRIMARILY A STIMULATING, MONITORING AND REPORTING FUNCTION, NOT AS COORDINATING OR DISTRIBUTION MECHANISM FOR BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AID.

3. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT ROLE FOR UNEO AS DISTRIBUTION MECHANISM AS OUTLINED IN REF A, PARA 7 PUTTING EMPHASIS ON QUOTE CERTAIN VOLUME OF RESOURCES ... CHANNELLED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS UNQUOTE IF IMPROVED BY STRESSING THAT THIS CHANNEL MOST APPROPRIATE FOR NON-TRADITIONAL AID DONORS, I.E., OIL PRODUCERS. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, DIFFICULTIES WOULD EXIST AMONG MOST TRADITIONAL AID DONORS IN USING UNITED NATIONS; HOWEVER, BY FUNNELLING SOME FUNDS THROUGH UNEO THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL PRESSURE ON OIL PRODUCERS TO CONTRIBUTE CONCESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.

4. ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS OF MSA COUNTRIES WOULD BE BETTER SET USING A RANGE OF FIGURES FOR 1974 AND 1975 BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF INTERACTING VARIABLES LIKELY TO CHANGE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY SITUATIONS AS WELL AS MSA GROUP. FURTHER, OTHER STUDIES BY U.S. AGENCIES, IBRD, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES CAME TO DIFFERENT CONCLUSIONS BASED, OF COURSE, ON SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TIME TO STUDY UN ASSESSMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANNEX I AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION DEFINING MSA NEEDS.

5. DEPARTMENT ALSO QUESTIONS NEED FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS, AS OUTLINED PARA 6, REF A. IN VIEW SHORT-TERM NATURE OF UNEO, IT MAY BE MORE PRACTICAL TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS ON AD HOC BASIS, RATHER THAN HOLDING ELABORATE QUARTERLY SESSIONS. IT IS UNCLEAR WHO WOULD ATTEND SUCH MEETINGS; WOULD IT BE RESTRICTED TO G-8 OR INCLUDE WIDER RANGE OF DONORS? KISSINGER

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